Benefits of new scheme of scholarships to minority students

246. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many minority community students have been provided benefits under the new schemes of scholarships, community-wise;

(b) how many of them have availed scholarships for education abroad, country-wise;

(c) how many minority educational institutions have got grants from the Maulana Azad Education Foundation, institute-wise, and the details of grants given to each institute, during the last three years;

(d) how many applications were received during that period, year-wise; and

(e) how many Buddhist, Parsi and Sikh institutions have been given grant, institute-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The details of the scholarships sanctioned to students belonging to the minority communities are given below:-

Community	2007-08	2008-09 (As on 16.10.08)	
	Merit-cum means based scholarship scheme	Post-matric scholarship scheme	Pre-Matric scholarship scheme
Muslims	13843	49037	15604
Christians	2332	4917	2965
Sikhs	1046	1961	168
Buddhists	37	827	170
Parsis	—	—	—
Total	17258	56742	18907

(a) There is no scholarship scheme for students belonging to the minority communities for study abroad.

(c) and (d) Information is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 214 Annexure No.3]

(e) The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) gives grants-in-aid to such institutions/ schools, in which the percentage of students/beneficiaries belonging to the notified national minorities is 50% or more. Community-wise data is not maintained.

Beneficiaries from minorities in Andhra Pradesh under merit-cum-means scholarship

247. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: